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STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir:

Applicants have received no communication regarding this patent application since May, 2004. Applicants respectfully request the PTO advise us of the status of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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